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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that PATRICK LUSSIER, age 34, of Candiac, Quebec, Canada, pled guilty yesterday in Plattsburgh, New York, to the misdemeanor offense of illegal entry by an alien. LUSSIER, a citizen of Canada, admitted that on December 31, 2009, he entered the United States by walking across the international border between the United States and Canada near Champlain, New York, thereby avoiding immigration and customs inspection. LUSSIER was encountered and arrested by a United States Border Patrol Agent in Champlain, New York. LUSSIER was sentenced by United States Magistrate Judge Larry A. Kudrle to 120 days confinement and a fine of \$1,500.

This matter was investigated by the United States Border Patrol, Champlain, New York.

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